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POLLARD APPOINTED AAUW COMMITTEE CHAIR

CHARLESTON, IL.--Dr. Frances M. Pollard of Eastern Illinois University has been appointed Chairman of the College/University Relations Committee of the Illinois Division, Inc., of the American Association of University Women.

Pollard, Executive Assistant for Library Services at Eastern, served as Chairman of Eastern's Department of Library Science from 1970-1979. Her service at Eastern began July 1, 1963. She was responsible for writing the proposal for the Master of Science in Library Science degree under the supervision of Dr. Roscoe Schaupp, professor emeritus.

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She came to Eastern from Alabama State College, Montgomery, Ala., where she was Head Librarian and Chairman of the Department of Library Science. She has 36 years teaching experience at the elementary, high school and college levels and has been a professional librarian since 1949.

She graduated from high school at age 15 and two years later with a junior college diploma from Selma University, Selma, Ala. She taught for one year in a one-teacher Alabama school until she was 18. She completed her bachelor's degree from Alabama State College and Master of Science in Library Science degree from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She did postgraduate work at Columbia University and completed her doctorate from Western Reserve University.

She was one of 31 graduates of the School of Library Science at Western Reserve University honored in 1979 during the School's 75th anniversary for her "outstanding achievement and service to the library profession."

She is listed in Who's Who of American Women, Who's Who in American Education and Who's Who in the Midwest among other publications.

Pollard said one of her most interesting research projects was co-authored with Eastern's Beverly Miller who, at that time, was a member of the Library Science Department. Entitled "Illinois Literary Reflections of the Bicentennial Year: What Reading Does For People," this volume is available in Booth Library.

She also contributed to the book, Major Problems in the Education of Librarians, published in 1954 by Columbia University Press.

Pollard directed the Personnel Evaluation Institute held at Eastern in 1975 and edited the Proceedings of the Personnel Evaluation Institute which, she said, received an excellent review in an issue of Library Journal.

Pollard served as discussion leader for a local Great Books Discussion Group from 1963 until the early 1980s. She remains active in many professional organizations including the Illinois Coalition of Library Advocates, American Library Association and the Illinois Library Association.

At the state level, she served for 10 years on a subcommittee of the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee that reviewed and helped develop plans for networking available through ILLINET (the Illinois Library and Information Network).

She also sponsored Eastern's Chapter of Alpha Beta Alpha undergraduate library science fraternity for 10 years.

Pollard is a life member of AAUW. She currently serves as the College/University Relations Representative for EIU and is Chairman of the "Promoting Individual Liberties" Task Force.

Eastern is one of 22 college/university members of the Illinois Division, Inc., which has a total membership of 5,985, representing 81 branches. AAUW has 190,000 members nationwide.

AAUW, the largest and oldest national organization for women, promotes the advancement of women, lifelong learning, and the implementation of positive societal and community change. Men are also welcome as members.

Men and women of this area interested in becoming members of the Charleston-Mattoon Area Branch may contact Mary B. Williams, Membership Vice President, at 345-9203.

As College/University Relations Committee Chairman, Pollard said she hopes to continue promoting closer ties between colleges and universities and local AAUW branches.